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22 December 1958

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. 25X1
Sheldon, [redacted]

MR. DULLES:

a. Stated that he had been advised by Andy Goodpaster that the President, upon reading George Allen's memorandum summarizing USIA's radio activities, had commented that this seemed to be rather inconsequential to bring to his attention. The DCI then asked the status of our memorandum concerning [redacted] and said he was debating whether or not to pass it on to the White House. [redacted] advised that our paper was virtually completed and would be sent to the Director today or tomorrow for his consideration. 25X1
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e. Reported on a lengthy meeting he had attended the previous day in Under Secretary Herter's office on the Laos situation. He commented

that several State representatives at the meeting did not seem to be very well briefed on all of the problems and developments in the area. The Director observed that on several occasions our representatives at the meeting requested specific guidance as to actions we propose to undertake. He stated that in the future we should be careful about requesting guidance from Department officials who obviously have not had the opportunity to fully study a given situation since the guidance given might not be well thought out.

f. Handed [] two cables from [] dealing with a certain [] and asked [] to explore the desirability of this activity.

g. Stated that he wanted to take up with the State Department the possibility of our passing to [] reports of the discussion which Eric Johnston and Senator Humphrey had with Khrushchev. [] commented that he knew we were preparing these materials for such passage and undertook to obtain State clearance prior to doing so.

h. Referred to the excellent report prepared by [] on the Iraq situation which [] had given him. No one else had seen this particular report so [] was asked to see that it was appropriately distributed.

i. [] expressing [] unhappiness that we were declining to assist in obtaining the cooperation of the U. S. press to write articles in opposition to certain legislative proposals establishing a strong central [] [] feels strongly that a serious effort should be made to persuade [] Government that this is undesirable legislation and feels that articles in the U. S. press would assist greatly in this regard. He recognizes that this is outside of CIA's bailiwick but had hoped that we could assist in some way. Mr. Amory supported [] position based on conversations he had with him on his recent trip and it was finally agreed that [] would call Andy Berding, Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs, to prod him on it and to offer any assistance of which we are capable.

j. Referred to a debriefing report on the [] situation prepared by [] The Director expressed great interest in [] views and asked Mr. Amory to see that [] was made available to the Board of National Estimates and to the SE Division, DD/P, for further discussion.

k. Noted a cable [] requesting guidance in the event Congressman Rooney, [] should request a briefing. He stated that since Congressman Rooney had nothing to do with CIA's subcommittees, he should be treated politely but not be given any briefing. [] undertook to get this guidance to the field.

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MR. AMORY:

Reported as follows on his recent trip to the Far East:

a. Noted that the [] conference had been very successful. He was particularly pleased with the cohesiveness demonstrated by the U. S. intelligence community representatives []

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b. In [] he was most impressed with the hard-working []
[] He also thinks very highly of the Ambassador and stated that he would certainly trust his judgment in actions to be followed in the present most difficult circumstances there.

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c. He is convinced that the ChiComs are sitting on a powder keg as a result of their initiation of the Commune system and that a definite potential for mass revolution exists. In support of his convictions, he cited [] which he had seen while there. He believes that the next year to 18 months will be crucial in Communist China and urged that the Agency establish some sort of a situation or war-room type of arrangement to watch Chinese Communist developments carefully. He observed that the volume of []

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[] appeared to be very valuable and should be processed rapidly to keep us as currently abreast as possible of the information therein. He urged that we take all possible steps to be prepared to act should an explosion occur in Red China. (The DCI expressed an interest in receiving a rundown [] [] under- took to query the field for this information.)

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d. Stated he talked to the Chairman of the JCS [] and was very impressed with his intelligence and potential for being a powerful figure in the future. He said that we ought to arrange to bring him to the States for a visit, perhaps jointly with the military services, but see that a sizable portion of his time is devoted to CIA briefings. 25X1

e. In closing, he commented that he found the caliber and industriousness of our people to be outstanding every place he went.

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Referred to the letter [] to Pete Scoville concerning the status of the Soviet ICBM program and capabilities. 25X1 25X1

25X1 [] urged that very full discussions be held with [] as soon as possible since he is an acknowledged authority in his field and he ^{is} fully committed that our National Intelligence Estimates on the Soviet ICBM capabilities are all wrong. [] suggested that con- 25X1 sideration be given to reconvening the Highland panel to consider 25X1 [] views as well as to give full reconsideration to this particular question by those experts knowledgeable in the field. The DCI agreed that full conversations with [] should be held by all 25X1 those concerned and stated that he would see him himself that afternoon.

MR. LLOYD:

Referred to the problem of the security of pouches transmitted through APO channels which has been under examination for some time and stated that he had just dispatched a memorandum to the State Department on this subject which he hoped would bring the problem close to resolution. The DCI asked Mr. Lloyd to furnish a copy of this memorandum to the DDCI.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

25X1 Reported on the case of [] who, upon returning from his overseas post and with the assistance of a young lady friend, had managed to bring into the U. S. an automobile and other items in violation of customs. The IG had investigated this case and recommended that Mr. [] be reduced in grade and given a severe reprimand, whereas the DCI had expressed the view that [] should be terminated. After some 25X1 discussion, it was agreed by all present that [] should be permitted 25X1 to resign or, in lieu thereof, should be terminated.

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